

REMARKS

Claim 2 is pending in the present Application. As will be discussed below, Claims 1 and 3-10 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, entry of the present Amendment is requested.

The disclosure has been objected to because the priority information is not provided on page 1 of the specification.

Page 1 of the specification has been amended to refer to the two Japanese priority Applications. Accordingly, withdrawal of this objection is requested.

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as assertedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 1 has also been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as assertedly being incomplete.

Without admitting that either of these rejections is appropriate, Claim 1 has been cancelled. Accordingly, these rejections have been rendered moot.

Claim 2 has been indicated as allowed. See the Form PTO-326 (Section 6) and page 3 of the Office Action. In view of the cancellation of claims 1 and 3-10, Applicants respectfully submit that the present Application is in condition for allowance.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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